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SUBJECT: "ESMERALDA" DEPARTS QUIETLY

THE FOUR-MASTED CHILEAN NAVAL TRAINING SHIP "ESMERALDA" SAILED OUT OF SANTO DOMINGO HARBOR AUGUST 1 AFTER A PEACEFUL FIVE-DAY VISIT. STUDENTS, SOME OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE LEFTIST PRESS HAD BEEN CRITICAL OF VISIT BECAUSE OF SHIP'S ALLEGED USE AS INTERROGATION AND TORTURE CENTER AFTER FALL OF ALLENDE GOVT. FAMILY OF A DOMINICAN STUDENT WHO DIED IN CHILE CONTENDED HE HAD BEEN TORTURED TO DEATH ON THE "ESMERALDA" IN 1973. DESPITE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO STEAM UP PUBLIC OPINION AND PROMOTE DEMONSTRATIONS, NOTHING EXCEPT A FEW CRITICAL BANNERS, STATEMENTS AND EDITORIALS APPEARED. GOVERNMENT HAD ASSIGNED AMPLE SECURITY FORCES FOR PROTECTION OF CHILEAN CADETS MANNING THE SHIP AFTER RUMORS HAD SPREAD THAT LEFTISH TERRORISTS WOULD TRY TO ASSASSINATE ONE OR MORE OF THEM.
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